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SUBJECT: COFFEE STUDY GROUP DISSOLUTION

SUMMARY: TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE IN LONDON (AT 26TH SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL) OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NEARLY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF DEFUNCT COFFEE STUDY GROUP, A MEETING OF LATTER BODY WAS CONVOKED ON JULY 3, 1975 TO CONSIDER FORMAL DISSOLUTION OF THE STUDY GROUP. THE UNITED STATES WAS REPRESENTED BY THE USDEL TO THE COFFEE COUNCIL. THE MEETING DECIDED, WITHOUT DISSENT, THAT IN VIEW OF THE EMERGENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION AS THE PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO COFFEE, THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE COFFEE STUDY GROUP WAS NO LONGER JUSTIFIED AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE FORMALLY TERMINATED. END SUMMARY

1. THE COFFEE STUDY GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1957, WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF SOME 36 COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, TO DISCUSS COFFEE PROBLEMS AND PREPARE A DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY A UNITED NATIONS COFFEE CONFERENCE WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY HELD IN 1962. THE STUDY GROUP WAS HEADQUARTERED IN WASHINGTON AND WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE U.N. AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS A DULY CONSTITUTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. WITH THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT AT THE 1962 U.N. CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK AND THE CONSEQUENT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (HEADQUARTERED IN LONDON) THE STUDY GROUP PASSED INTO INNOCUOUS DESUETUDE. BUT IT WAS NEVER FORMALLY TERMINATED. PRIOR TO THIS LATEST MEETING IT LAST MET ON JANUARY 9, 1963 IN WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH DEFUNCT ITS CONTINUED FORMAL EXISTENCE WAS CONSIDERED BY MEMBERS AS DESIRABLE FOR POSSIBLE REVIVAL IN THE EVENT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION SHOULD FALL APART. SINCE THE ICO HAS ENJOYED A LIFE OF SOME 13 YEARS AND APPEARS HEALTHY, THIS LATTER CONCERN NO LONGER SEEMS REALISTIC.

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2. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE STUDY GROUP, MR. JOAO OLIVEIRA SANTOS, WHO SERVED AS THE FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ICO (1963-1968) CIRCULARIZED MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE

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STUDY GROUP EARLIER THIS YEAR TO CONVOKE A MEETING OF THE GROUP DURING THE JUNE-JULY COUNCIL SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMALLY TERMINATING THE STUDY GROUP. REPRESENTATIVES OF 26 STUDY GROUP COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THE JULY 3 MEETING AND AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE GROUP BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION BE REQUESTED, AS THE NATURAL HEIR, TO TAKE OVER THE ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND ARCHIVES OF THE STUDY GROUP. THE FINANCIAL ASSETS, AS OF THE LAST AUDIT (IN 1969) WERE APPROXIMATELY \$40. SUBSEQUENT COSTS OF SERVICING THE STUDY GROUP, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$1,000, HAD BEEN BORNE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FROM HIS PERSONAL FUNDS. THE ONLY OTHER ASSETS ARE THE GROUP'S ARCHIVES WHICH ARE STORED IN WASHINGTON.

3. ASSUMING THAT THE ICO WILL ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ARCHIVES AND THE SMALL FINANCIAL LIABILITY, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS REQUESTED TO WIND UP THE AFFAIRS OF THE STUDY GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.N. OF THE TERMINATION OF THE GROUP. THE GROUP ALSO EXPRESSED ITS THANKS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HIS SERVICES AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON BRINGING THE WORK OF THE STUDY GROUP TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

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